



Across the country, more people are leaving prisons and returning to their families and communities than at any other time in our history. **In Rhode Island, more than 3,700 men and women will leave the prison system in 2004.** Where will they live? Where will they work? Are they reuniting with families? What readjustment issues face the individuals, their partners and their children? What transitional support is available to promote stability, encourage success, and reduce recidivism?

Unless you are one of these individuals or their families, you may ask yourself, "What does all this have to do with me?" Reentry of the formerly incarcerated into society is a complex issue, but the benefits of successful reentry have significant public safety, social and financial impact. Their success does affect your community, your neighborhood, *you*.

Under a grant from Outreach Extensions funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, **Rhode Island PBS** is working with **Making Connections Providence, Direct Action for Rights and Equality, Rhode Island Family Life Center, and Rhode Island Department of Corrections** to raise public awareness and to motivate and mobilize community action, to foster public safety and support healthy communities. As part of the **Reentry National Media Outreach Campaign**, Rhode Island PBS will air three documentaries and host five (one of them televised) Community Workshops in October and November.

GET INFORMED. GET ACTIVE. GET RESULTS.

WATCH THESE DOCUMENTARIES on WSBE-TV Rhode Island PBS, channel 36/Cox channel 8:

Road To Return

Thursday, October 7 at 10 p.m.

This film tells an emotional story of what happens when untreated and unskilled former prisoners are returned to society. Clearly attacking the vengeance long sustained by the criminal justice system, the film examines a more compassionate – and effective – approach to rehabilitation.

Manhood and Violence: Fatal Peril

Thursday, October 14 at 10 p.m.

This documentary follows nine men of diverse ethnicities who return to their communities after participating in an intense 4-month violence prevention project in the San Francisco County Jail.

P.O.V. What I Want My Words To Do To You

Thursday, November 4 at 10 p.m.

This film goes inside a writing workshop consisting of 15 women inmates – most of whom were convicted of murder – at New York's Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. The women delve into and expose the most terrifying places in themselves, as they grapple with the nature of their crimes and their own culpability.

ATTEND A WORKSHOP in a community near you. Each session includes public screening of relevant documentaries *not seen on television*, plus panel discussion with law enforcement, community and faith-based services, former prisoners and their families, to encourage dialogue and answer questions.

Warwick

Warwick Public Library

600 Sandy Lane, Warwick 02889

Introduction by Mayor Scott Avedesian

Tuesday, October 12, 6-8 p.m.

Providence

The Met School (Metropolitan Regional & Technical Center)

325 Public Street, Providence 02905

Introduction by Mayor David Cicilline

Tuesday, November 16, 6-8 p.m.

Newport

Martin Luther King Center

20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd, Newport 02840

Introduction by Mayor Richard Sardella

Tuesday, November 9, 7-9 p.m.

Pawtucket

Pawtucket Public Library

13 Summer Street, Pawtucket 02860

Introduction by Mayor James Doyle

Tuesday, November 23, 6-8 p.m.

This televised workshop includes screening of selected documentary segments and conversation among guest panelists and the studio audience. AUDIENCE SEATING IS LIMITED. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY. Call 401-222-3636, x361.

Rhode Island PBS Studios

50 Park Lane, Providence 02907

Thursday, November 18, 8 p.m.

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS, CALL 401-222-3636 x361